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SUBJ GATT TEXTILES WORKING PARTY

REF MILLER-JURICH TELECON

1. FOLLOWING DISCUSSIONS WITH LONG AND OTHERS, IT APPEARS JAPAN IS ONLY KNOWN PROBLEM RE COUNCIL DECISION TO ENABLE WP TO PROCEED TOWARD AGREEMENT BY DECEMBER 31. (COUNCIL EXPECTED TO MEET JULY 30.)

2. LONG TOLD MILLER YESTERDAY THAT KITAHARA HAS NOT YET BEEN AUTHORIZED TO AGREE TO PROCEED; LATTER IS CONFIDENT HE WILL BE AUTHORIZED, BUT ONLY ON BASIS THAT WP WILL NOT CONTINUE AND "NEGOTIATING GROUP" WILL BE SET UP. LONG THINKS THIS COULD BE DISASTROUS IN REOPENING WHOLE ARRANGEMENT WITH LDCE.

3. MIZOGUCHI CONFIRMS SUBSTANCE OF ABOVE; SAYS IDEA IS THAT GOJ MUST MAKE CLEAR TO INDUSTRY THAT IT IS NEGOTIATING IN
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ORDER TO AVOID PROBLEMS LATER. HE SEEMS TO THINK COUNCIL

CHAIRMAN'S AND LATER PUBLIC DESCRIPTION OF COUNCIL DECISION
AS INSTITUTING NEGOTIATIONS WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH. MIZOGUCHI
IS INCLINED TO DISCOUNT LONG VIEW THAT SETTING UP NEW GROUP
(OR GROUP UNDER ANOTHER NAME) WOULD UPSET LDCS.

4. COMMENT: WHILE WE FIND IT DIFFICULT TO SEE A SERIOUS
ISSUE IN THIS, BOTH LONG AND MIZOGUCHI ASSURE US
IT SHOULD BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY. WE INTEND TO TALK WITH KITAHARA
AND SEE IF PROBLEM COULD NOT BE MET BY SUBSEQUENTLY DESCRIBING
COUNCIL'S ACTION AS DECISION TO NEGOTIATE. IF HE IS ADAMANT,
PERHAPS WE MIGHT QUERY REACTION OF SOME LEADING LDCS TO DIFFERENT
TERMINOLOGY. MEANWHILE IT MIGHT BE USEFUL FOR BRUSSELS TO CHECK
WITH ERNST WHETHER DIRECT USE OF WORD "NEGOTIATE" WOULD CREATE
ANY PROBLEM FOR HIM.BASSIN

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